CHATHAM HALL

2020–2021 School Profile

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History & Mission
Established in 1894, Chatham Hall is an independent, college preparatory boarding school for girls in grades 9–12. Founded as the first girls' Episcopal school in southern Virginia, we are a community grounded in the values of the Episcopal tradition. Chatham Hall prepares girls for college and for productive lives. Our rigorous educational program encourages intellectual growth, creativity, and personal responsibility. We foster the intellect and character of each student and, through our Honor Code, live in a community of trust. Grounded in its Episcopal heritage, the School welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds.

Character
All members of the Chatham Hall community, students, faculty, administration and staff, are committed to the cultivation of honor, integrity, and responsibility through the Purple and Golden Rule and a vigorously embraced Honor Code–I will not lie. I will not cheat. I will not steal. I will report all infractions of Honor.

Community
Our opening day enrollment of 150 includes girls from 24 states and 9 countries, including Bermuda, Cayman Islands, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Vietnam, and the United States. With 93% of our students residing on campus, Chatham Hall's boarding population is among the highest percentages of all girls' boarding schools in the United States. 85% of our faculty, staff, and administration reside on campus. Chatham Hall is situated on 362 acres in the piedmont of Virginia, in the town of Chatham and within 2 hours of Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill and Greensboro, NC to the south and Lynchburg, Roanoke, and Charlottesville, VA to the north.

Faculty
With a teaching faculty of 28, Chatham Hall has a student teacher ratio of 5:1. 65% have advanced degrees; 30% hold a doctoral or other terminal degree.

Athletics
Chatham Hall is a member of the Blue Ridge Conference. Students are required to participate in a team sport or scheduled physical activity every season such as dance or theater. Varsity sports offered include basketball, cross-country, field hockey, lacrosse, riding, soccer, swimming, tennis and volleyball. Yoga and high-level conditioning are also available.

School Year
Chatham Hall operates on an academic semester system; classes meet 9 out of 10 days for an average of 200 minutes per week. Co-curricular activities, including athletics, are offered on a trimester basis.

Leader in Residence Program
A variety of accomplished women are brought to campus each year to participate in student-led programming. Presenters have included the first president of Ireland Mary Robinson; 2011 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Sirin Ebadi; former Prime Minister of Pakistan the late Benazir Bhutto; the President of Liberia Ellen John-Sirleaf; choreographer and director of the Alvin Ailey Dance Company Judith Jamison; international tennis star Venus Williams; movie executive Sherry Lansing; journalist and author Katty Kay; actor and humanitarian Ashley Judd; founder of Girls Who Code Rehsma Saujani; CEO and founder of Ellevest Sally Krawcheck; and presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Accreditations and Memberships

Chatham Hall is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools, and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, National Coalition of Girls' Schools, The Association of Boarding Schools, and the National Association for College Admission Counseling, Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling, the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools, and the College Board.

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Courses Offered 2020-2021

English
AP English Language and Comp.
AP English Literature
Creative Writing I, II, & III
English III
English III Honors
English IV Electives
  The Black Swan Experience
  Who Dunnit?
  The Films of Alfred Hitchcock
  The Documentary Idea
  Foodie Film & Literature
Humanities: Literature 9 & 10
Journalism

History & Social Science
AP European History
AP Psychology
AP US History
Civics and Government (semester)
Economics*
Ethics Research Seminar (semester)
Global Entrepreneurism I, II
Humanities 9: World History
Humanities 10: European History
International Relations
US History electives (semester)
  African –American Women
  US History 1918-1969
  American Identities
World Religions (semester)

Mathematics
Algebra I, II
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Statistics
Calculus
Discrete Math
Geometry
Linear Algebra*
Personal Finance
Precalculus
Precalculus Honors
Statistics

Science
Anatomy & Physiology (semester)
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1
Astronomy (semester)
Biology
Chemistry
Neurobiology (semester)
Physics
Physics Honors
Sustainability (semester)

World Languages
AP Chinese Language*
AP French Language*
AP Spanish Language
Chinese I, II, III, IV, V
French I, II, III, IV
Latin I, II, III, IV
Spanish I, II, III, IV

Fine & Performing Arts
Dance
  Beginning Dance
  Advanced Dance
Music
  Advanced Music Theory
  St. Mary's Choir
  Vocal / Instrument Lessons
Studio Art
  AP Studio Art: 2D
  AP Studio Art: 3D
  AP Studio Art: Drawing
  Ceramics I, II, III, IV
  Drawing & Design
  Drawing & Printmaking I, II, III
  Maker Space
  Painting I, II, III
  Photography I, II, III
  Portfolio I, II
  Photography Portfolio

Theater
  Fall Theatre Production
  Spring Theatre Collaborative
  Winter Musical Production
 Yearbook

** Classes taught by One Schoolhouse*

Chatham Hall Highlights

- 60% of the members of the Class of 2020 earned merit scholarships totaling over $3,900,000.
- Chatham Hall competes annually in the statewide Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science, regularly ranking in the top 1 or 2 in areas such as design, essay, and multiple choice. Last year, the 9th and 10th grade team ranked 2nd overall in the state.
- Students are encouraged to pursue independent study for course credit through Discovery Challenges, which involve developing a curriculum, securing a faculty mentor, and conducting research. These courses can lay the foundation for an iQuest, where students apply for a grant to continue their research away from campus.
- Chatham Hall's Interscholastic Equestrian Association team qualified for National Finals in 2015, 2016, and 2018. Competing against 1,200 varsity teams nationally, we were named Reserve Champions in 2015 and placed 4th in 2016. Individual riders have qualified for National Finals every year since 2016.
- In 2019 – 20, Chatham Hall students devoted over 3,000 hours to non-required community service.
- Chatham Hall's service learning opportunities include spring break trips to India and South Africa in alternate years, and a recently added trip to Finland and Estonia, with a focus on coding, gaming, and robotics.
- Study abroad experiences are encouraged through the Student Diplomacy Corps and faculty-led travel programs. Destinations have included France, Mexico, Spain, Japan, Italy, China, Cambodia and Nepal. Students may also participate in intensive, 3-week language programs to Spain and France in the summer.
- Since 2018, Chatham Hall has earned the College Board's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for attaining female student representation in AP Computer Science A and AP Computer Science Principles, an honor earned by only 4% of the schools that offer AP classes.

Class of 2021 Academic Measures

New SAT / ACT Results

SAT Composite	Mid 50% Range	Mean
EBRW / Math	1210-1340	1271
SAT Section Scores		
EBRW	605-685	649
Math	570-685	623
ACT Composite	23-29	26.1
ACT Subject Scores		
English	21-32	26.8
Math	22-26	24.6
Reading	22-32	26.8
Science Reasoning	23-27	25.2

Cumulative Junior Year Grade Distribution*

Class size = 41

1st Quarter = 3.92-4.13
2nd Quarter = 3.65-3.91
3rd Quarter = 3.41-3.64
4th Quarter = 2.78-3.25

**We do not rank our students due to small class size, and all classes are unweighted.*

Graduation Requirements

English -4 years
History & Social Science - 4 years, including Religious Studies, U.S. History, & Ethics
Mathematics -3 years, including Algebra II
Fine Arts -1 year
World Language-3 years 1 language or 2 years 2 languages, between 9 – 12 grade
Science -3 years, including Physics, Chemistry & Biology
Athletics -4 years

AP Exam Results

Subject	Taken	3 or higher
Biology	2	50%
Calculus AB	13	92%
Calculus BC	4	75%
Chemistry	11	64%
Computer Science A	4	25%
Comp Science Principles	21	71%
English Language	15	80%
English Literature	4	75%
European History	11	64%
Macroeconomics	3	100%
Microeconomics	2	50%
Physics 1	4	75%
Psychology	9	100%
Spanish	2	100%
Statistics	6	67%
Studio Art: 2-D Design	2	100%
Studio Art: Drawing	1	100%
U.S. History	17	82%

Total Exams Taken: 68
Total AP Students: 132
Students with scores 3+: 57
AP Scholars: 20 (29%)

Advanced Placement Policy

All Chatham Hall classes are taught at a level consistent with Honors classes; students are encouraged to limit their AP classes to allow a full exploration of the depth and breadth of the other classes and electives that are available. Enrollment in AP level courses is open to grades 10-12 only; the course teacher must approve applications.

One Schoolhouse

Chatham Hall has established a partnership with One Schoolhouse to accommodate small sections of courses we would normally offer to allow students to belong to a larger cohort, and to make wise use of faculty resources.

Research Opportunities

Through our Discovery Challenge, iQuest, and Hallam Hurt Travel Award programs, as well as our Global Scholars Program, Chatham Hall girls may complement our curriculum with an in-depth, independent study with a faculty mentor that requires them to explore a question of intellectual and abiding personal importance through experiential learning. An iQuest may be completed as a senior capstone project, an independent study project, or as a group study project. For both the iQuest and Hallum Hurt, students apply for funding to conduct a portion of their research away from campus; students have traveled to Hawaii, Israel, Norway, Sweden, France, Dominican Republic, Argentina, Italy, Poland, and China. After completion of a semester or yearlong course of study, a committee evaluates the student's work and a grade is given. Students who earn the Global Scholars diploma develop an international perspective through a curriculum and set of experiences that focus on global understanding, culminating in a research project and 20-page paper. All four programs require students to present their findings to the school community.

Annotated List of College Acceptances
Classes of 2017 – 2020

Agnes Scott College
American University
Amherst College
Amsterdam University College
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Bennington University
Binghamton University
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Bridgewater College
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Polytechnic State University
Campbell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Centre College
Christopher Newport University
Clark University
Clemson University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of William & Mary
Colorado College
Colorado State University
Columbia College
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dalhousie University
Delaware State University
Denison University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Edinburgh Napier University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle
Emerson College
Emory University
ESCP - Europe Business School, London
Fairfield University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
Furman University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Guilford College
Hamilton College
Hampshire College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Haverford College
High Point University
Hollins University
Howard University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana University, Bloomington
Ithaca College
James Madison University
John Cabot University
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon College
Lehigh University
Lewis and Clark College
Longwood University
Loyola University, Chicago
Loyola University, Maryland
Loyola University, New Orleans
Macalester College
Marquette University
Mary Baldwin College
Maryland Institute College of Art
McGill University
Mercyhurst University
Meredith College
Miami University, Ohio
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Montclair State University
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Old Dominion University
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Oxford College
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Presbyterian College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Queens University of Charlotte
Quinnipiac University
Randolph College
Randolph-Macon College
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rice University
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Royal Military College of Canada
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scripps College
The University of the South
Simmons College
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
St. John's College
St. Lawrence University
Stony Brook University (SUNY)
SUNY Albany
SUNY Buffalo
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
The College of Wooster
The George Washington University
The New School
The Ohio State University
Transylvania University
Trinity College, Connecticut
Trinity College, Dublin
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
University College, Dublin
University of Aberdeen
University of Alabama
University of Alaska, Anchorage
University of Bristol
University of British Columbia
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Denver
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Glasgow
University of Illinois
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Lynchburg
University of Maine
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
UNC Asheville
UNC Chapel Hill
UNC Charlotte
UNC Greensboro
UNC School of the Arts
UNC Wilmington
University of Mississippi
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Redlands
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Austin
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College
Washington College
Washington University St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College, Massachusetts
Willamette University
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University

*Matriculations in **Bold**

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